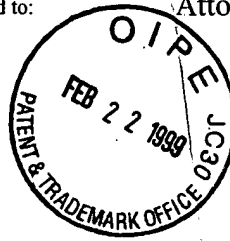


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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice of Missing Parts dated November 10, 1998 for one month, from January 10, 1999 to February 10, 1999. An appropriate response in the form of a Response to Missing Parts is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$55.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in duplicate.

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